



GARDEN CLUB OF WISCASSET

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ PO Box _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Winter Address (if different)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Alt. Phone _____ E-Mail: _____

Would you prefer to receive newsletter by email? _____

How did you hear about the Garden Club of Wiscasset? _____

Committees I would be interested in (see reverse for brief description of each):

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| Communications ___ | Community Projects ___ | Finance ___ |
| Horticultural/Environmental Concerns ___ | Membership ___ | Flower Design Practice ___ |
| Programs & Field Trips ___ | Publicity ___ | Scholarships/Grants ___ |
| Ways & Means ___ | Yearbook ___ | Youth Activities ___ |

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Regular meetings are held at the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset, 28 High Street, Wiscasset, at 12:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month except during June, July and August, unless otherwise indicated. During the winter months, our meeting is cancelled if Wiscasset schools close for snow. Meetings include a short presentation by the Horticulture and Environmental Concerns Committee followed by a one-hour program featuring a visiting presenter. Refreshments are served by our Hospitality Committee following the program. All programs are open to the general public.

The Garden Club of Wiscasset is a working club. Members are encouraged to attend meetings and participate in committees, programs, civic projects, and/or special events.

Annual Membership Fee - \$25 Date Paid: _____

(Membership and Fiscal Year is June 1 - May 31. Meetings run from September to June - no meetings are scheduled for the summer months. Members joining after February 1st will have their dues extended to the Annual Meeting of the following year. Dues and form may be mailed to Garden Club of Wiscasset, P.O. Box 174, Wiscasset, ME 04578.

STANDING COMMITTEES - BRIEF DESCRIPTION

COMMUNICATIONS: Will assist the President by ensuring that the membership is notified of upcoming meetings and other club events. Responsible for maintaining Facebook pages and website.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS: Will work on projects to beautify the community and surrounding areas and shall share the knowledge and skills to aid the handicapped, elderly and youth.

FINANCE: Shall consist of the Club Treasurer, Club President, and four additional members. Shall develop an annual budget, determine investment goals and policies, and conduct quarterly reviews of investment returns and conduct semi-annual audits of Treasurer's records.

FLOWER DESIGN PRACTICE: Shall guide the Club in workshops and help educate members in flower show procedures according to the NGC guidelines.

HISTORIAN: Shall keep minutes of board and general meetings and articles and pictures of historical significance, including Books of Evidence.

HORTICULTURE - ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS: Shall promote education and appreciation of all phases of horticulture and stimulate a greater interest in gardening for all members. Shall inform Club members about birds, rare and endangered species of plants and animals in Maine and legislation that affects the environment.

MEMBERSHIP: Shall accept applications of all prospective members who have attended at least one regular meeting of the Club and present the names of new members to the Board of Directors as outlined in Article III of the By Laws.

PROGRAMS & FIELD TRIPS: Shall arrange programs and meeting places for the following year, which shall be given to the Yearbook Committee by April 15. The programs should conform to the Qualifications for the Yearbook Awards.

PUBLICITY: Shall prepare and provide to the local media notices preceding and following meetings and special events.

SCHOLARSHIP: Shall accept applications for environmental camperships for middle school students and scholarships for high school graduates in horticultural, environmental or related field of study, shall work with the GCFM Scholarship Committee and local school officials for recommendations, and shall evaluate all applications and award scholarships upon graduation. The Scholarship Chair shall notify the recipient that payment will be made in the second semester provided that he or she is in good academic standing and is enrolled in one of the above mentioned courses.

WAYS & MEANS: Shall be in charge of all fund-raising projects for the club.

YEARBOOK: Shall receive information to be included in the Club's annual Yearbook by April 15, oversee the production and distribution of the Yearbook, ensuring that the Yearbook format complies with GCFM rules.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Shall be in charge of activities involving young people. Preschool through grade 12.